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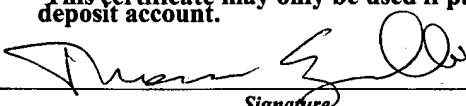
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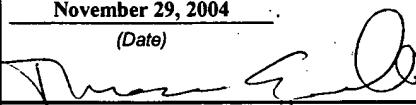

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. United States Patent No. 6,369,899 B1, issued to Hamada, dated April 9, 2002;
2. United States Patent No. 6,268,918 B1, issued to Tanabe et al., dated July 31, 2001;

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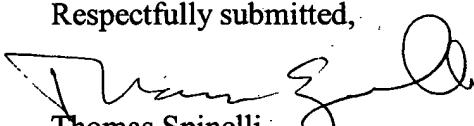
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3. United States Patent No. 4,590,367, issued to Ross et al., dated May 20, 1986;
4. United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0118970 A1, to Miyoshi, dated August 29, 2002;
5. European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 006 386 A1, dated June 7, 2000; and
6. German Patent No. DE 197 38 480 C 1, dated November 26, 1998.

The references were cited in a Search Report dated October 5, 2004 received from the European Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of reference numbers 5 and 6, together with a copy of the Search Report. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicants are not required to submit copies of the above-cited U.S. Patent references. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report. Also enclosed herewith is a Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d).

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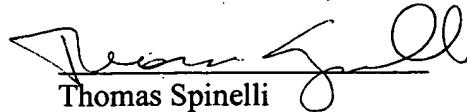
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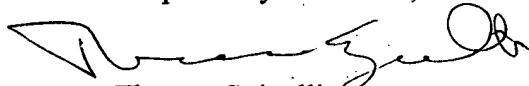
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Therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement cannot be considered a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application under paragraphs (c)(6), (c) (8), (c) (9), or (c) (10) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.704.

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	EP 1 006 386 A1	6/7/2000	Europe				
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